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LETTER DATED 14 JUNE 1993 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGAL, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to send to you the English and Portuguese texts of the statement made by the Heads of the delegations of Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America in Washington D.C., on 8 June 1993, concerning the situation in Angola, and to request that this be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

The delegations of Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America, led respectively by the Secretary of State for Cooperation, José Manuel Briosa e Gala, Director of the African Department, Grigory B. Karassine, and Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, George E. Moose, met in Washington, D.C. the eighth of June 1993 in order to review the latest developments in Angola and to consider ways to re-establish peace.

The delegations reaffirmed that a political solution offers the only prospect for ending the post-electoral crisis in Angola. In this regard, deep disappointment was expressed regarding UNITA's refusal to initial the set of principles in the Abidjan Protocol, which could have led to an immediate cease-fire in place, a phased withdrawal of UNITA forces and the simultaneous and gradual insertion of United Nations personnel to monitor the cease-fire. The delegations reiterated their support for United Nations Security Council resolution 834 of 1 June 1993 which unanimously condemned UNITA's actions and urged all States to refrain from providing any form of direct or indirect military assistance or other support to UNITA inconsistent with the peace process. It was also agreed that the United Nations continues to have an essential role in the search for a lasting solution to the present crisis.

The delegations observed that the intensification of hostilities by UNITA since the 21 May suspension of the peace talks, its continuing efforts to seize additional territory and its destruction of economic assets and infrastructure critical to the welfare of the people of Angola, strongly contradict UNITA's declarations that it is seeking a peaceful solution. These actions call into serious question UNITA's intention to reach a negotiated settlement. The delegations stressed that UNITA's continuing threats against nationals and property of their respective countries are seriously undermining the efforts of the observer to facilitate future negotiations that could lead to peace. Within this context, the observers reiterate their strong support for United Nations Security Council resolution 804 of 29 January, particularly paragraph 11 which demands that UNITA immediately release foreign nationals taken hostage.

The 3 June donor's conference in Geneva welcomed the agreement by the Government of the Republic of Angola to allow humanitarian deliveries wherever the need exists. The delegates call upon UNITA to accept the proposed United Nations plan immediately and begin implementation as soon as logistical arrangements can be completed. The observers call upon the international community to respond generously to the 3 June United Nations appeal.

The observers discussed potential actions that could be taken should UNITA continue to fail to respond to appeals that it end its military actions and return to the negotiations. At the same time the observers reiterated their full support for United Nations Security Council resolution 811 of 12 March, including paragraph 12 which appeals to all Member States to render economic, material and technical assistance to the Government of Angola for the reconstruction and development of the country. The observers will hold discussions with other United Nations Member States prior to the 15 July

deadline for the renewal of the mandate of UNAVEM II to coordinate possible actions within the United Nations.

The observers also reaffirmed that the key principles of the Bicesse Peace Accords, whose validity has been confirmed on numerous occasions by the Government of the Republic of Angola and UNITA, as well as the additional principles contained in the draft Memorandum of Understanding of the Abidjan Protocol to reinforce the Accords, are the best basis for a peaceful settlement. The observers expressed their readiness to:

- reactivate the monitoring and guarantee mechanisms of the Peace Accords,

- support the reinforcement of the role of the United Nations once agreement is reached on a comprehensive settlement, and

- consider means to ensure that humanitarian assistance reaches all people in need throughout Angola in a timely manner.

The delegations of Portugal and the Russian Federation would like to express their gratitude to the Government of the United States of America for its hospitality.

8 June 1993

Washington, D.C.
United States of America